

Minutes

The Mayor read a Proclamation recognizing the Labor Day Committee for their exemplary volunteerism and dedication to giving the Village an annual fun-filled weekend.

A Mayoral Proclamation was made proclaiming September 17th through September 23rd, 2008 Constitution Week on the 221st anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America.

Ed Leonard, the Franklin County Treasurer, has set the date for the 2008 tax lien certificate sale for Franklin County as November 10th.

Mr. Jarvis received a letter from the BIA regarding a new bill requiring new houses to be built with fire suppression and asking for the Village's thoughts on the bill. This will be sent to Safety Committee for investigation.

Village Residents Comments:

Five-minute limit per person

Jeffrey Bond, of 146 Washington Street Apt C, stated that he is disappointed in the development of apartments on the Rush-Westinghouse property. He believes there is a huge mismatch as to what is needed in the Village versus the economic development plans. We should look into a new Urbanist Planner for the Village. There is a large firm in Florida, 305-644-1023, that has been using this type plan for 15 years or more and has received many awards. We need to look into emulating that.

ORDINANCES:

FIRST Reading

Sponsor: Dr. Bender
O-09-08C AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WINCHESTER LANDSCAPE GARDENS, INC. FOR THE 2008 FALL MUNICIPAL TREE PLANTING PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Dr. Bender read the ordinance and moved to suspend the rules and declare an emergency. Mrs. Mershon seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini,
Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Jarvis
NAYS
Motion carried.

Dr. Bender moved to adopt 51-08. Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini,
Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Jarvis

NAYS

Motion carried.

O-09-08D AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PLAYWORLD SYSTEMS INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini,
Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Jarvis
NAYS
Motion carried.

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini,
Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Jarvis
NAYS
Motion carried.

O-09-08A AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT E. CURTIN, JR. TO PROVIDE INCOME TAX COMPLIANCE SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE.

O-09-08B AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2008 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 77-07
Amendment #3

R-09-08A A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY
THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES
AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini,
Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Jarvis
NAYS
Motion carried.

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini,
Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Jarvis

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A FULLY-FUNDED RENEWAL OF THE CLEAN OHIO FUND BOND PACKAGE WHICH WILL BE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008 BALLOT, IN ORDER TO MEET THE GROWING DEMAND FOR WATER AND GREEN SPACE CONSERVATION PROJECTS, BROWNFIELD REVITALIZATION, RECREATIONAL TRAIL DEVELOPMENT, FARMLAND PRESERVATION AND OTHER IMPORTANT PROJECTS RELATED TO THE CLEAN OHIO FUND

Mayor's Report:

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Jarvis

Motion carried.

The grant proposal presentation was made on Tuesday for the grant for the Boehkoff property. It was deemed appropriated for the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund. The next step is applying for the funding.

Mr. Peoples stated that the damage from the storm includes private and street trees. All tree & leaf debris will be picked up through next Tuesday from residents, providing nothing is over 6" in diameter and it is piled at the curb.

The Columbus Street project roadwork is done. All that is left is electrical. Streetlights went in last week and the project should be finished by the end of the month.

The bike path has been taken to ODOT's construction division. They will advertise for bids in December with construction beginning in the spring of 2009.

We are currently undergoing the design for the 2009 street projects.

The Gender Rd and Boehkoff projects have been submitted.

Liberty Street had a water valve break and it is being fixed.

The pool is being winterized.

The water plant is going through some water quality sampling as part of the new plant start-up.

The fountain at Stradley Park has had the pump break and they are having some difficulty finding a replacement motor.

Bids are going out on Sept. 24th for the sludge press building, bids will go to Council on October 20th and the press will be delivered on December 3rd and the pad will already be installed at that time.

Development Director:

Mr. Strayer stated that Manifold & Phalor has submitted their application for Canal Pointe and will be on the agenda for the October Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Strayer is updating the downtown inventory for Main Street.

A series of focus groups will be conducted tomorrow and Wednesday regarding Canal Winchester and what it offers to businesses.

Next week, Mr. Strayer will be at National Manufacturer's Week in Chicago meeting with site selectors and developers from across the country.

Community Affairs Director:

Ms. Hoover stated that Fri. October 31st is Beggars Night from 5:30 – 7:30pm and the VFW Halloween party will be immediately following at the Community Center.

Christmas in the Village will be December 5th & 6th from 6-9pm and the parade will start at 5:15 each night. Breakfast with Santa will be Sat., December 13th at 9am.

Village Solicitor:

Mr. Hollins stated that the oral argument is scheduled for Thursday in the Thornton/Snider annexation, which will hopefully be one of the last steps of the litigation.

A meeting is scheduled with both Violet Township and Pickerington regarding the JEDD now that Bloom Township has bowed out.

Fairfield County Sheriff:

There was a robbery of the Cash Advance store; two male blacks brandished weapons.

Third shift Deputies made a list of the street lights that are out in the Village and passed them along to Mr. Snyder in the Street Department.

Sgt. Kern read the report.

Finance Director:

August financial statement is included in the packet this evening.

The audit of the CWICC is completed and the final report will be at the next Council meeting.

The Mayor has entered into an agreement with FMS Architects to begin a needs assessment for the Municipal building. They will be at the Committee of the Whole meeting on the 29th to get input from Council.

Council Reports:

Old Town Committee	Monday, October 13, 2008 at 5:45 PM
The window is still open for bids for Phase 1 of the Interurban building. The bids will be opened Friday at 3pm.	
Finance Committee	Monday, October 6, 2008 at 5:45 PM
Service Committee	Monday, October 20, 2008 at 5:45 PM
Safety Committee	Monday, October 13, 2008 at 5:00 PM
The concept plans for Walnut Creek park, George Bareis nature preserve, James Kelly preserve and Westchester Park were all discussed.	
Committee of Whole	Monday, September 29, 2008 at 6:30 PM at Town Hall

New Business:

Mr. Jarvis added that last Tuesday, he, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry and Dr. Bender met with Canal Winchester Human Services and listened to their semi-annual reports. Mr. Dohling (the Executive Director), Jo Weiser and Penny Miller were invited to come and address Council at the meeting tonight to answer any questions with regard to the grant application.

Mr. Dohling gave a small presentation on Human Services and its role in Canal Winchester. Last year, 66 families were helped through the Adopt-A-Family for Christmas, Senior Transportation has taken seniors to medical appointments. It is unique to Human Services that they can respond immediately. There doesn't have to be a long list of needs to respond.

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry stated that it is her understanding that the Administrative Coordinator is paid by grants and one grant was lost this year. Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry asked if residents of Columbus that are serviced by Canal Winchester School District can receive help from United Way. Mrs. Miller responded that they can go to Franklin County Jobs and Family Services and see what they have available. Canal Winchester Human Services boundaries are set by the school district.

Dr. Bender believes that each year, money from the General Fund should be contributed to Human Services without them having to apply.

Mrs. Mershon asked if the \$14,000 is given to Human Services and then a portion is paid from Human Services for Mrs. Miller's salary or if the entire \$14,000 is put into Mrs. Miller's account and used throughout the year for activities. Mrs. Miller passed out paperwork that expanded on the profit-loss statement and helped to explain where her salary is obtained. Mrs. Miller is contracted by Human Services as a contract laborer. That contract is agreed upon in January of each year. Every month, a work report is submitted by Mrs. Miller to Mr. Dohling and he has to approve the information before the Treasurer writes the check.

Further discussion ensued.

Mr. Jarvis moved to

1. Remove the "program only" condition of current funding request.
2. Enter into a multi-year agreement in lieu of the grant application process
3. Establish a line item in appropriations for 2009
4. Negotiate for a permanent trustee seat on the executive board for the Village

Mr. Paini seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini,
Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Jarvis

NAYS
Motion carried.

Old Business:

Mrs. Turner suggested again that the skate park be looked into. She believes it is needed in our community.

Mr. Jarvis added that though the skate park is needed, the request for tennis courts has been outstanding longer.

Mrs. Mershon stated that the price to build a skate park was in the millions. They are very expensive. It may require bundling a skate park with a dog park and soccer fields and using a bond issue.

Mr. Deeds supports the idea as well, but added that it needs to be planned for in advance. The Mayor concurred. Further discussion ensued.

Mrs. Turner was pleased with what happened at zoning last week. She asked Mr. Hollins if he was able to look into the feasibility of having a separate designation between apartments and condos in the zoning codes. Mr. Hollins stated that it was discussed in Staff meeting and reminded that there are existing zoning codes. He added that there is the possibility of taking other existing multi-family zoning that hasn't been built out yet. Any other zoning would have to come in and request re-zoning and they would be told it would have to be a planned district and then it could be presented to them that if the plan contains apartments, it would most likely not pass through the Planning Commission. Further discussion ensued.

Adjourn to Executive Session: Not needed at this time.

Adjournment: Mr. Paini moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion.
Time out: 8:41pm

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Date

Mayor

NOTE: The minutes set forth herein are an extract of the Council meetings. Anyone desiring a transcript of the complete minutes of the Council meeting may obtain the same at a cost of \$10.00 per page.